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SUBJ: PRAVDA INTERNATIONAL REVIEW ON U.S. - SOVIET RELATIONS, SALT

1. ALTHOUGH THRUST OF WEEKEND SOVIET MEDIA COVERAGE ON U.S. IS VERY NEGATIVE IN MOST CASES (SEPTTEL), PRAVDA'S AUTHORITATIVE INTERNATIONAL REVIEW JAN 18, BY VITALIY KORIONOV, GIVES POSITIVE CAST, BY RECENT SOVIET STANDARDS, TO SALT AND U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS IN GENERAL. TEXT OF REVIEW'S MAJOR CENTRAL PORTION THESE TOPICS FOLLOWS IN OUR TRANSLATION. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE, BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED

2. BEGIN TEXT. THE PURPOSEFUL FOREIGN POLICY COURSE OF THE CPSU AND THE SOVIET STATE PLAYS AN ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE PROCESS OF STABILIZING THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION.

3. THE GOAL OF TURNING DETENTE INTO A PROCESS WHICH IS UNINTERRUPTED, FIRM AND IN THE LAST RESULT IRREVERSIBLE PENETRATES EVERY FOREIGN POLICY ACT OF OUR COUNTRY... (THERE FOLLOWS A SECTION ON GROMYKO'S TRIP TO JAPAN)

4. AS IS KNOWN, IN ACCORDANCE WITH (THE) UNDERSTANDING (REACHED) U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE H. KISSINGER WILL VISIT THE SOVIET UNION JANUARY 20-23 TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST TO THE USSR AND USA.

5. THE SOVIET PEOPLE CONSIDER THE NORMALIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS THE MOST IMPORTANT DIRECTION OF THE POLICY OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE. ALL SEE WHAT A BENEFICIAL EFFECT THEIR CARDINAL IMPROVEMENT, BEGINNING IN 1972, HAS HAD ON THE INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL CLIMATE.

6. STEPS TO SOVE THE PROBLEM OF CONTINING THE ARMS RACE HAVE AN ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT SIGNIFICANCE IN THIS REGARD. FOR IF POSITIVE ACHIEVEMENTS ARE NOT CONTINUALLY ATTAINED IN THIS DIRECTION, ALL THE OTHER SUCCESSES IN DEVELOPING SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS CAN LOSE THEIR SIGNIFICANCE. THE ROLE OF POSITIVE STEPS DIRECTED AT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CURTAILING THE ARMS RACE IS ESPECIALLY GREAT BECAUSE THEY ARE THE MOST WEIGHTY CRITERION OF THE BASIC INTENTIONS OF BOTH SIDES. AS FAR AS THE SOVIET UNION IS CONCERNED, IT IS FIRMLY RESOLVED TO DO EVERYTHING WHICH DEPENDS ON IT IN ORDER THAT A SOLUTION CORRESPONDING TO THE VITAL INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLES OF THE USSR AND THE USA, AS WELL AS THE PEOPLES OF THE WHOLE WORLD BE FOUND TO THE PROBLEM OF LIMITING STRATEGIC

OFFENSIVE WEAPONS, OF ENDING THE ARMS RACE. NOT ONLY  
NOT TO PERMIT DEVIATIONS FROM THE CHOSEN PATH, BUT TO  
ACHIEVE NEW SUCCESSES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET-  
AMERICAN RELATIONS ON THE BASIS OF THE AGREEMENTS AND  
UNDERSTANDINGS ACHIEVED EARLIER: SUCH IS THE GOAL  
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